



# News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ May 2022

Another academic year draws to a close, and Collin College finishes strong with graduation and awards.

## 1. Collin College holds second in-person graduation ceremony since the pandemic

- Collin College's Spring commencement ceremony was held on **May 13 at the Credit Union of Texas Event Center in Allen.**
- More than **680** graduates walked across the stage, including the first graduating class of the Bachelor of Applied Technology in Cybersecurity program.



## 2. Collin College students selected for All-Texas Academic Team

- **Twenty-seven** Collin College students were named to the All-Texas Academic Team. The **All-Texas Academic Team** is sponsored by the Texas Association of Community Colleges and The University of Texas system.



- Award winners are nominated by their institution and selected by **Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)**, an international honor society for two-year colleges.
- All-Texas Academic Team members are selected based on academic achievement and school and community involvement.
- Each student received an All-Texas Academic Team medallion.

## 3. Cybersecurity student team wins first place in ISACA North Texas competition

- **A team of five Collin College Cybersecurity students won first place at the ISACA North Texas Case Competition**, beating out teams from multiple North Texas universities.
- The team members included **Miles McCready, Khagendra Pokharel, Nghi Nguyen, Matthew Daley, and Mariah Hunt.**
- ISACA is a global association that provides training and credentials in auditing, governance, technology, and privacy.
- In these competitions, students must collaborate to create effective methods to solve real-world problems such as health care issues, supply chain disruptions, and more.
- The students will split **\$7,500** in scholarship money, while **\$2,500** in general scholarship funds were donated, and **\$1,000** in funds were provided for future cybersecurity events.



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### 4. Five Collin College athletes named to all-academic team

- **Five Collin College student athletes** have been named to the 2021-22 **North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference (NTJCAC) All-Academic Team**.
- From Men's Tennis: **Marcus Kleckner of Wichita Falls; Alec Dos Santos of Johannesburg, South Africa; and Edward Shteyn of Plano**. From Women's Tennis: **Mimi Li of Denton; and Taylor Nichols of San Antonio**.
- Each honoree has completed at least three semesters of college work with a minimum of 36 hours of courses that lead to a degree while maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or greater.
- The student athletes participated in at least one season on the varsity level and lettered in tennis.



### 5. North Texas ISSA donates \$21,000 to Collin College Foundation

- **The North Texas Chapter of the Information Security Systems Association (North Texas ISSA)** donated **\$21,000** to the **Collin College Foundation** for student scholarships on March 31.
- The money was raised in conjunction with the group's annual cybersecurity conference held at Collin College's Plano Campus in the fall.
- Since the first North Texas ISSA cybersecurity conference at Collin College, the group and its generous sponsors have donated more than **\$108,000** to the college's scholarship program.

### 6. Ewing Automotive donates \$10,000 to the Collin College Foundation

- Representatives from **Ewing Automotive Group** recently donated **\$10,000** to the **Collin College Foundation**.
- Scholarships from the gift will benefit automotive students.
- Ewing representatives joined college officials at the Collin College Technical Campus in Allen to celebrate the gift.

